

Louis will be remembered as a kind, caring, and capable man who was generous with his time and talents in order to help others. Louis is survived by his widow Mary, her daughter, Valerie, his daughter, Neshia, their son Louis II, and Grandchildren Kate and Akira.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRIAN DAVID YOUNG

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brian David Young on his distinguished achievement of not only passing the Michigan Bar Exam, but scoring exceptionally high. He has recently been admitted to the State Bar of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, after receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, Brian continued to be a highly competitive student at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, MI, where he served on the Wayne Law Review. Not only was he a published author, but as Note and Comment Editor, he assisted other Law Review members with their writings. This exemplary student graduated cum laude in May, 2001. He currently practices law as an associate at Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP. All who come in contact with Brian clearly notice his stellar attitude and high quality job performance. He is certainly worthy of recognition.

Brian has proven to be a professional of the highest caliber. His values and beliefs are reflected in his dedication to his work and his relationships with family, friends, and people in the community. On behalf of the many who have benefitted from his concern, expertise, and leadership, I commend him.

Indeed, this young man sets an excellent example to all. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Brian David Young for being admitted to the State Bar of Michigan. I wish him all the best of luck and continued success in the future.

IN HONOR OF HON. JULIE OAKES

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Julie Oakes, who retires today from 8 years as a member of the Hermosa Beach City Council, including two as mayor.

Julie is only the seventh woman to serve on the Hermosa Beach City Council in its 90-year history. As a female elected official myself, I respect and admire the challenges that Julie has had to face in running for and maintaining her seat all these years, and she has done a terrific job. In my observation, she balances her roles as professional architect, politician, mother, and spouse extremely well.

Julie has been instrumental in reshaping and refocusing the Hermosa Beach City Council, and has been a constructive and knowledgeable voice in the recent "Renaissance" of

Hermosa Beach, and particularly its downtown area.

I have enjoyed working with Julie through the years, and join the citizens of Hermosa Beach in thanking her for her service and wishing her well.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF ED "SONNY" ELAM

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding public service of a great friend of mine, Ed "Sonny" Elam. Sonny is retiring next year as the Rutherford County (Tennessee) Clerk after serving 28 years in office.

Sonny was first elected as the Rutherford County Clerk in 1974 when the office had only nine employees and one electric typewriter. His office now employs 28 people and uses a computer system to keep up with one of the fastest growing communities in the United States.

Sonny has helped transform the County Clerk's Office into a modern, efficiently run operation. His work ethic and friendly ways have made him a popular official among Rutherford County residents.

His unflinching dedication and tireless service to the county will be sorely missed. I congratulate Sonny on his distinguished career and wish him well in future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE CHAIRMAN RALPH STANDBROOK

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a strong leader in Central New York on the eve of his retirement from public service. Ralph Standbrook has devoted virtually his entire professional life to the betterment of his community and in defense of his nation. On December 11th, Mr. Standbrook will preside over his final meeting as Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature in Central New York after a ten-year tenure on that body.

Shortly after graduating from Red Creek High School, Ralph Standbrook joined the United States Army, retiring in 1972 at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Chairman Standbrook served his nation in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and has been decorated with the Agri-Service Award, Conspicuous Service Cross Award, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Senior Parachute Badge. He met his wife of fifty years, Tula, during his service while stationed at Fort Temple, Kentucky.

After retiring from the Army, Chairman Standbrook farmed and worked in real estate and construction in Tennessee. In 1983, he returned to his native Central New York to

pursue a retirement career as a charter fishing boat captain on Lake Ontario. In 1991, he was elected to the Cayuga County Legislature. He also served as Mayor of the Village of Fair Haven from 1991 until 1994 when he was elected Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature—a position that has since developed into a full-time position which also oversees the County's executive branch of government.

Under Chairman Standbrook's leadership, Cayuga County has prospered. During his watch, Standbrook ushered in major public improvements to the county's Emerson Park and the Sodus Bay breakwater. Standbrook led the effort to purchase significant Lake Ontario-front property, establishing the Sterling Nature Center, and created the Cayuga County Sewer and Water Authority. He has served as a strong steward for the county's watersheds and natural resources and supported the expansion of programs at Cayuga Community College, including the development of its Regional Applications Center.

Mr. Speaker, in my twenty-plus years of public service both in local government and here in Washington, it is rare that I have come across a leader with the vision, the integrity, and the drive of Ralph Standbrook. He is indeed one of the best individuals I have ever met in public life and is a true visionary. Ralph Standbrook is a leader who always thinks big.

It is my honor to recognize Chairman Ralph Standbrook for his tireless service on behalf of the people of Cayuga County. I thank him for the legacy of progress that he leaves and wish him, his wife Tula, and their entire family much health and happiness throughout his retirement from elected office. Knowing Ralph's drive and concern for community, I am certain he will continue to improve Central New York's quality of life for years to come.

PROCLAMATION FOR ANTHONY PEREZ

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Anthony Perez. This young man has received the Eagle Scout honor from his peers in recognition of his achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; they must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community-oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their

activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Anthony and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition, Friday, November 2, 2001. Congratulations to Anthony and his family.

IN HONOR OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT DISNEY ELEMENTARY IN MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the students and faculty at Disney Elementary in Magnolia School District, Anaheim, California, for their contributions of \$2,700 to the relief fund for the September 11th tragedy in New York City. These young students raised the money on their own, and when asked what they wanted to do with it, said "We want to donate the money to the victims' families, firefighters, policemen, and all those people affected."

It is incredibly sad that our children would have to experience such a horrible event in their lifetime, but their compassion clearly shows, even at such an early age. I am so proud of all the students and faculty at Disney Elementary! Keep up the good work! Through your eyes, we see the shining hope for the future.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RANDY BERRYHILL OF THE MUSCLE SHOALS FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Randy Berryhill of Muscle Shoals, Alabama as he retires on December 1, 2001. Mr. Berryhill has been a very special member of the Muscle Shoals Fire Department for 30 years. He was hired on June 19, 1971 by the City of Muscle Shoals as a custodian for the Fire Department, but has assumed a much larger role over the years. Mr. Berryhill is handicapped, but has not let that stop him from greatly expanding his responsibilities at the department. He picks up the mail, raises and lowers the flag on a daily basis, and performs various other tasks that are crucial to efficiently running the department.

Mr. Berryhill is very active in the Muscle Shoals community as well as the Fire Department. He is a member of the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church Choir, an avid supporter of the Muscle Shoals High School Football and

Basketball teams, and a fervent fan of the University of Alabama. Mr. Berryhill's dedicated service will be greatly missed by the Fire Department, but I am confident that he will remain an active member of the Muscle Shoals community during his well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT STUART RABINOWITZ

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stuart Rabinowitz, on the occasion of his recent appointment as the new president of Hofstra University in Nassau County, New York.

Chosen as the eighth President at Hofstra University, Stuart Rabinowitz assumes the post with 29 years of service to the University. Professor Rabinowitz joined the faculty of Hofstra University School of Law in 1972, and from 1989 to 2001, served as Dean of the Hofstra School of Law. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Hofstra community, Professor Rabinowitz has been honored by his appointment as the Andrew M. Boas and Mark L. Cluster Distinguished Professor in Law.

Professor Rabinowitz received his juris doctor degree, magna cum laude, from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a member of the board of editors of the Columbia Law Review and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He received his undergraduate degree with honors, from City College of New York, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the American Law Institute.

Stuart Rabinowitz is an outstanding citizen and dedicated to his community. In addition to being a devoted father and husband, Professor Rabinowitz holds many positions with a number of important government and community organizations. These include the Nassau County Health and Welfare Council, Cradle of Aviation Museum, Fund for Modern Courts and Long Island Coalition for Fair Broadcasting. He is also a former member of the Nassau County Blue Ribbon Financial Review Panel and former chair of the Nassau County Local Advisory Board.

For his notable service, Stuart is the recipient of the Martin Luther King Living the Dream Award, EOC; Distinguished Service in the Cause of Justice, Legal Aid Society; UJA Federation Leadership Award; and the Bar association of Nassau County Proclamation for Outstanding service to both the Legal Profession and the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor Professor Rabinowitz for his distinguished contributions to Hofstra University and the Nassau County community. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in congratulating Stuart Rabinowitz as he assumes his appointment as President of Hofstra University.

WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share some exciting news from my district. I am delighted to report that the official White House Christmas tree is coming from a farm in my district. Specifically, the White House Christmas tree has been chosen from the Hill View Tree Farm in Middlecreek, Pennsylvania, which is owned and operated by Janice Bowersox and her son and daughter-in-law, Darryl and Aimee Bowersox.

In order to achieve the honor of being designated the farm to supply the White House Christmas trees, the Bowersox family entered the National Christmas Tree contest, an event sponsored by the National Christmas Tree Association. The Bowersox family won the contest at the national convention in August 2000, where they were named Grand Champions. As the winner, Hill View Tree Farm became the chosen supplier of two Christmas trees for the White House.

One tree will be set up in the Yellow Oval Room to serve as the tree for the Bush family. This is the tree under which members of the first family are likely to put their presents. This tree, from the Hill View Farm, is about eight feet tall and has been growing in the field since 1989. The larger tree, which will be placed in the Blue Room, must be at least 18½ feet high. This larger tree will be the official White House Christmas tree. It is being supplied for Hill View Farm by Donald Craul of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

The two trees will be cut and delivered to the White House the week after Thanksgiving. Janice, Darryl and Aimee Bowersox will present the official White House Christmas tree to First Lady Laura Bush at the White House on the morning of November 28.

Hill View Tree Farm was founded in 1954. The farm has about 150,000 Christmas trees growing on 120 acres. The Bowersox family grows Douglas fir, Colorado spruce, white pine, and concolor fir trees. According to Joyce Bowersox, winning the White House Christmas tree contest has long been a family goal. Joyce Bowersox said she and her family are honored to be presenting this year's tree and thrilled to have received the top honor in the Christmas tree industry.

I am delighted that a farm from my district was chosen to be a part of the White House Christmas tree tradition. I am happy for the Bowersox family, and I hope that the Christmas tree chosen for the White House will bring joy to the President and Mrs. Bush and their family.

OUR NATION AND THE SEA

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, 2001, Mr. John P. Craven, the President and founder of the Common Heritage Corporation, Honolulu, Hawaii, was honored as a Doherty Lecturer in our Nation's Capital.